

SPIDER-MAN



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High schooler Miles Morales was bitten by a genetically altered spider that granted him incredible arachnid-like powers. This is a secret he has shared only with his best friend Ganke, Fabio Medina (A.K.A. Goldballs), and his father, Jefferson.

Concerned about his son, Jefferson approached his old employers at the intelligence agency S.H.I.E.L.D., offering to secretly return to active duty in exchange for Miles' protection.

Neither Miles nor Jefferson shared their secrets with Miles' mom, Rio.

After an epic dimension-hopping adventure, Miles and Jefferson returned home and were confronted by Rio about their lies. She had found a handwritten formula for "WEB FLUID" on Miles' desk, and the truth fell into place soon after.

Miles and Jefferson came clean, and Rio, no longer able to trust her son or husband, left.

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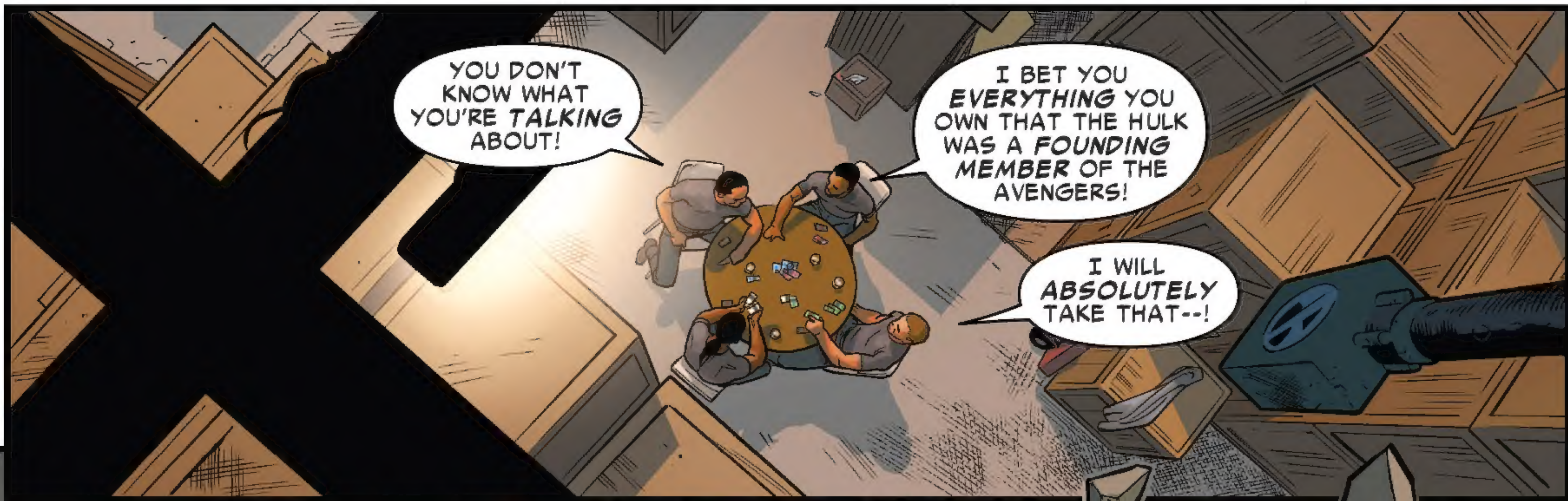
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YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT!

I BET YOU
EVERYTHING YOU
OWN THAT THE HULK
WAS A **FOUNDING**
MEMBER OF THE
AVENGERS!

I WILL
ABSOLUTELY
TAKE THAT--!



HOLY!

WHAT
THE
###%###%#
WHAT??

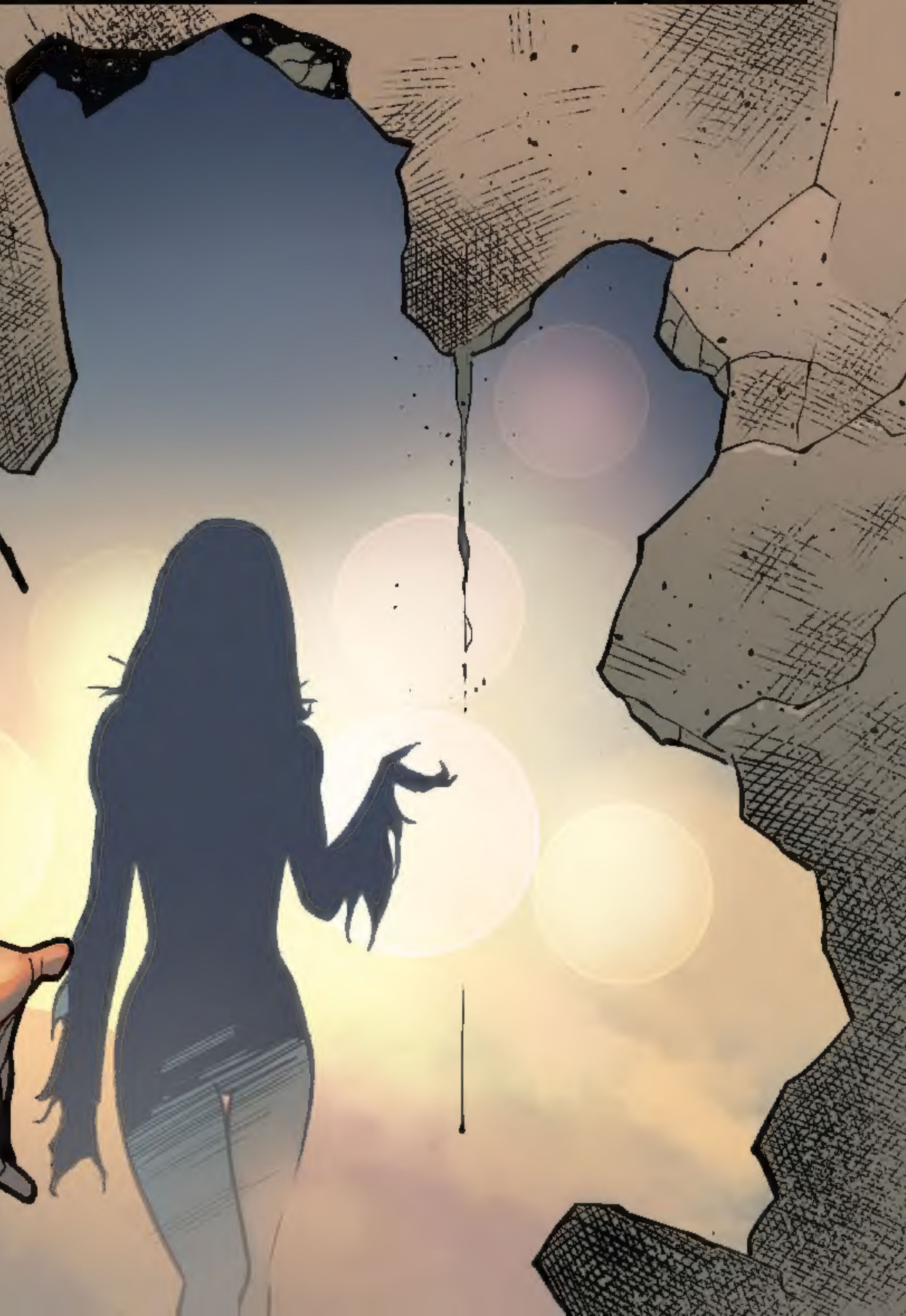
OW!

BOYS, I'M
HAMMERHEAD.

YEAH,
NO ###%##!



MAY I
INTRODUCE
TO YOU...





THE BLACK CAT

GENTLEMEN...

UH, THIS
AIN'T OUR
PLACE.

WE'RE
J-JUST
WATCHING
IT.

I KNOW
EXACTLY WHOSE
PLACE IT IS, AND
I KNOW WHO YOU
WORK FOR.

LISTEN, WE
DON'T KNOW EACH
OTHER, SO I'M
ESCALATING THIS
RELATIONSHIP
PREMATURELY, BUT IT
WOULD BE *GREAT* IF
YOU COULD PASS
ALONG A MESSAGE
TO YOUR
BOSS...

...YOU TELL
THE MYSTERIOUS
MR. D TO KEEP
HIS SLIMY HANDS
TO HIMSELF AND
OUT OF MY
POCKETS!

USE
THOSE
EXACT
WORDS.

'KAY?
OOOKAY.
SO, I'M
GOING TO GO
AHEAD AND BURN
THIS PLACE
DOWN...

PLEASE
DON'T.

PLEASE
DO.

...AND
LET YOU
LIVE...

...AS,
LET'S SAY, A
MESSAGE TO
HIM AND YOU AND
EVERYBODY ELSE...
THAT YOU DON'T
TOUCH WHAT'S
MINE.

TELL ME YOU
UNDERSTAND.

I--I
REALLY
DO.

I
KNEW YOU
WOULD.

NOW RUN
AWAY, LITTLE
DUCKY.



THERE THEY GO.

NICE KIDS.

WHADAYA THINK HE'S GOT STASHED IN HERE?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

YOU AND THE BOYS GO SHOPPING.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING HERE WORTH A DAMN, DIVVY IT UP BETWEEN YOURSELVES.

OH, THANKS.

SURE. YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD.

(UNLESS IT'S AN INFINITY STONE OR SOMETHING.)

SURE.

BUT AFTERWARD...

LIGHT IT UP LIKE THE 4TH OF JULY?

YOU COMPLETE ME.



NICE.

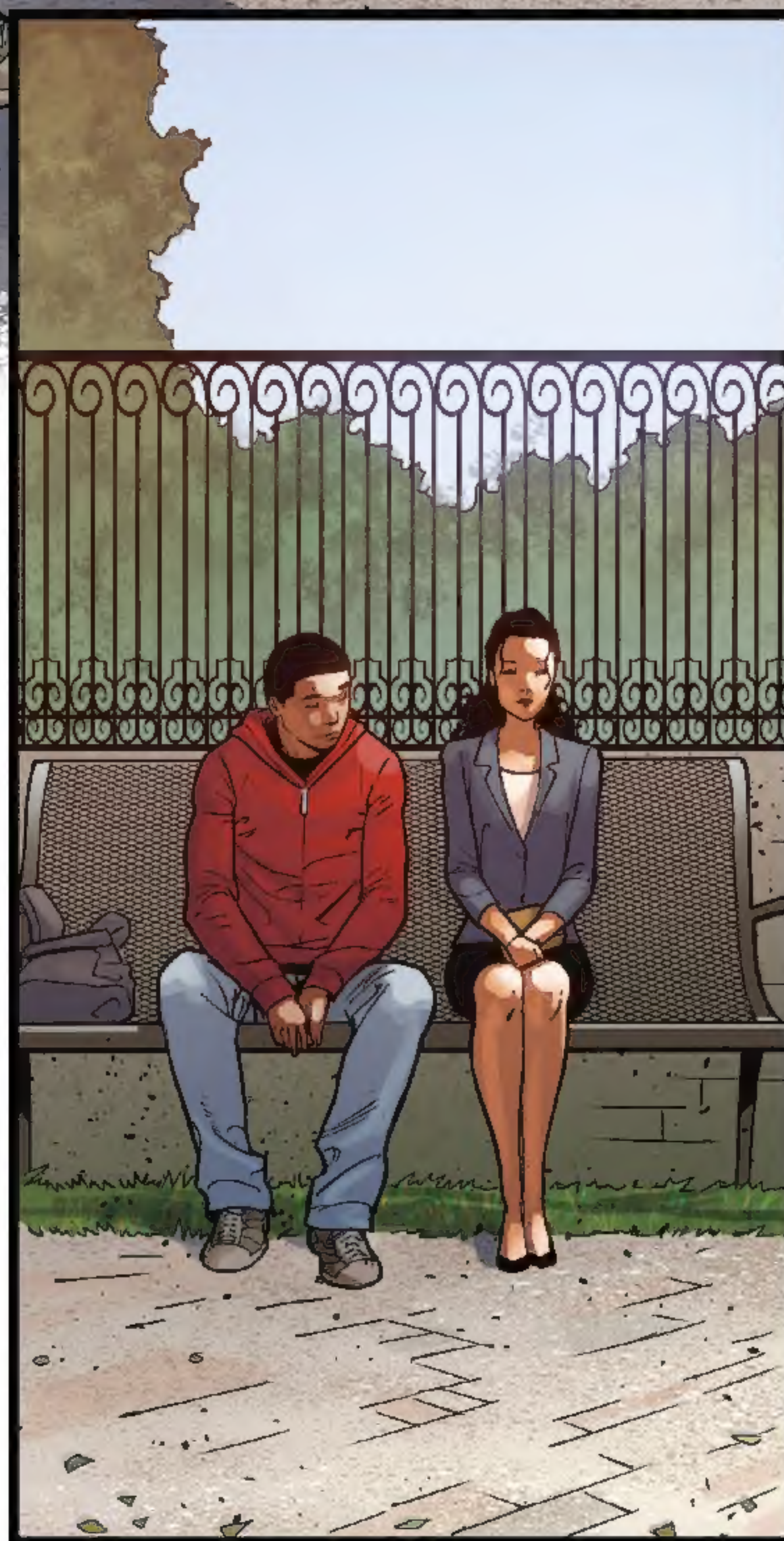
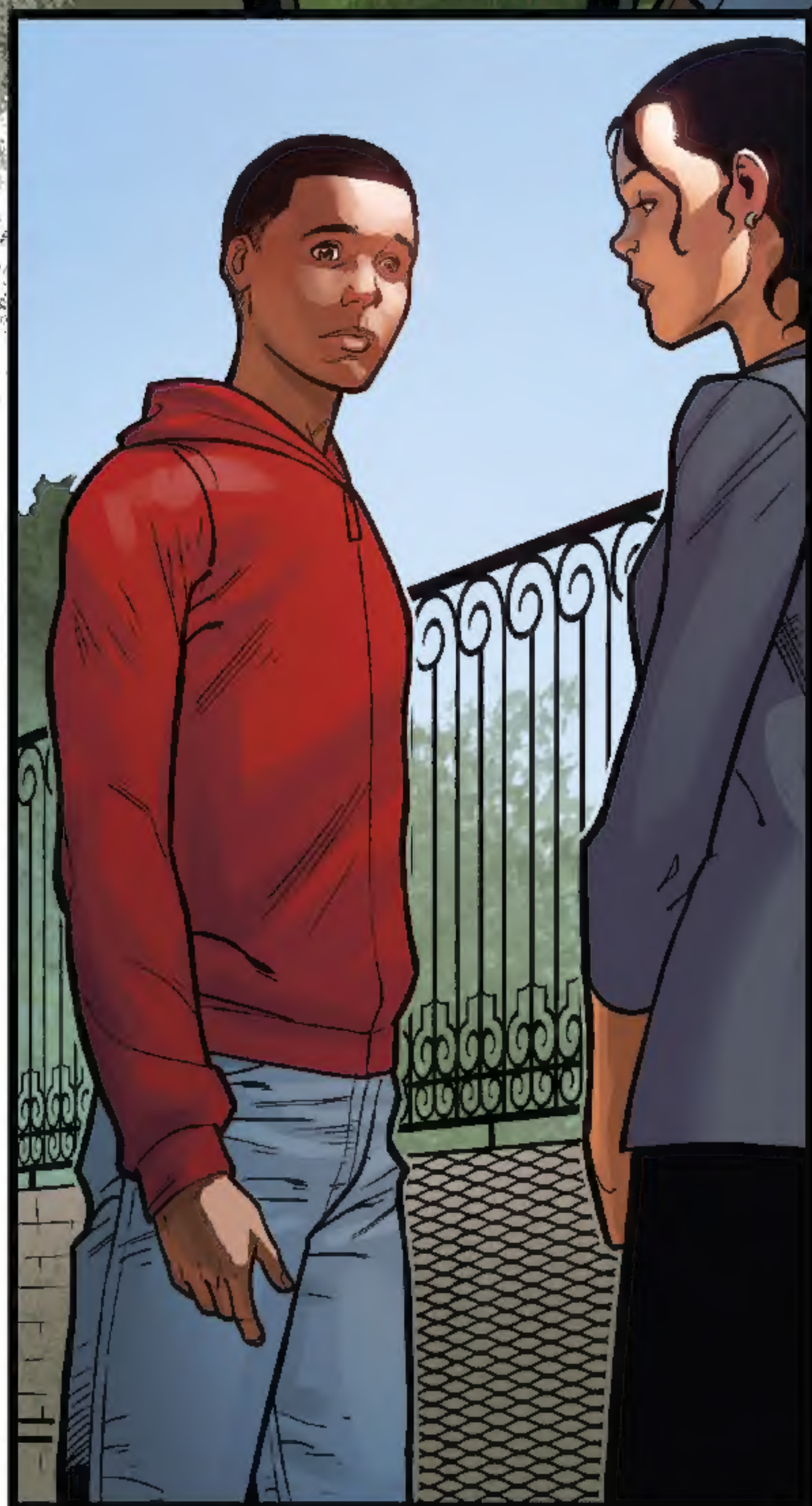
YEAH.

THAT SHOULD HAVE MR. D POOPING OUT OF HIS A.

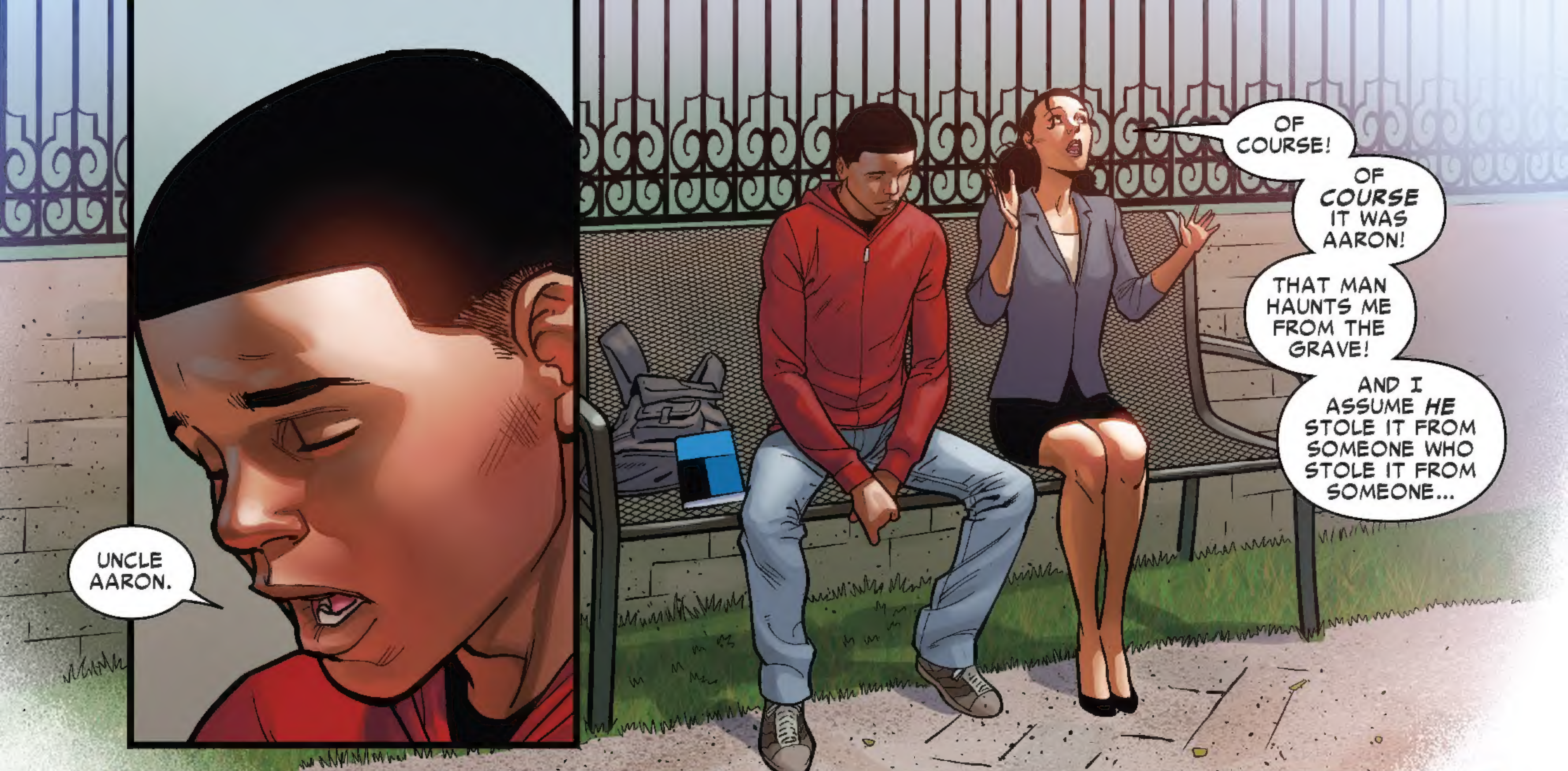
YEAH.

DAT MEANS YOU'RE OFFICIALLY AT WAR.

YEAH.







UNCLE
AARON.

OF
COURSE!

OF
COURSE
IT WAS
AARON!

THAT MAN
HAUNTS ME
FROM THE
GRAVE!

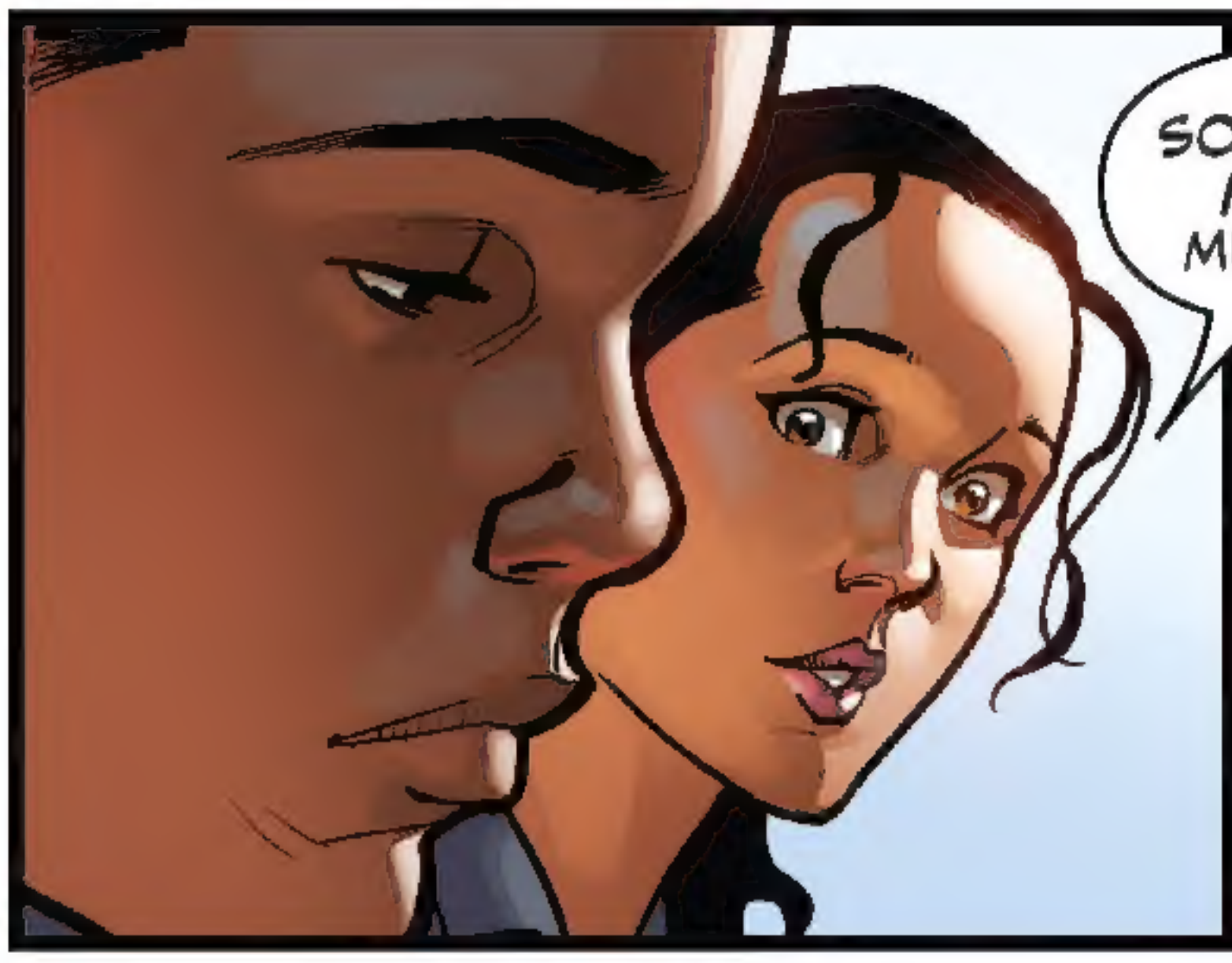
AND I
ASSUME HE
STOLE IT FROM
SOMEONE WHO
STOLE IT FROM
SOMEONE...



YEAH...

SO NOW
YOU SEE WHY
YOUR FATHER AND
I WERE TRYING TO
KEEP HIM AWAY
FROM YOU?!

WELL, HE'S
GONE NOW, SO
I THINK WE CAN PUT
THAT PART OF THE
ARGUMENT TO
REST.



SO YOU'RE
NOT A
MUTANT?



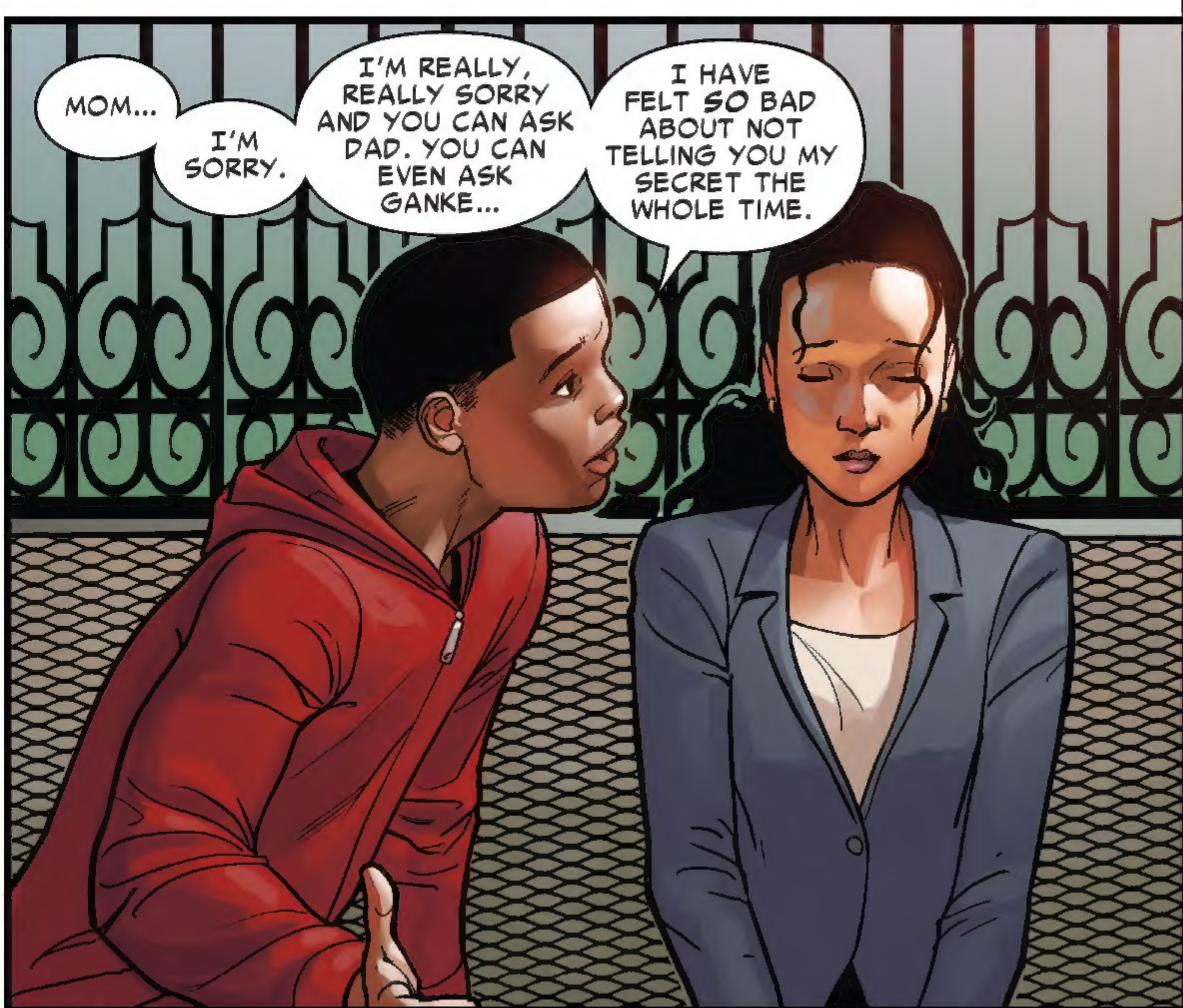
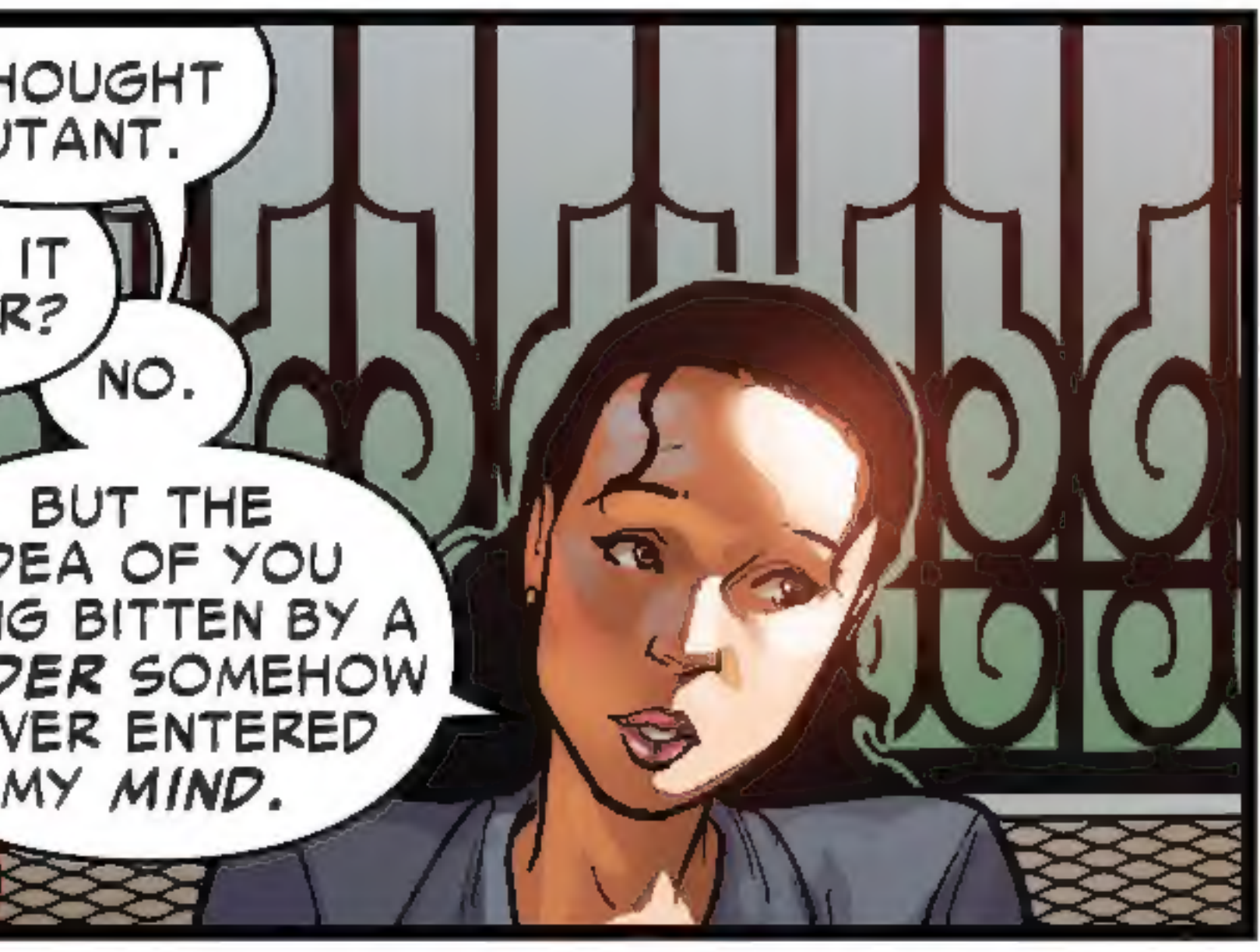
NO.

I THOUGHT
MUTANT.

WOULD IT
MATTER?

NO.

BUT THE
IDEA OF YOU
BEING BITTEN BY A
SPIDER SOMEHOW
NEVER ENTERED
MY MIND.



MOM...

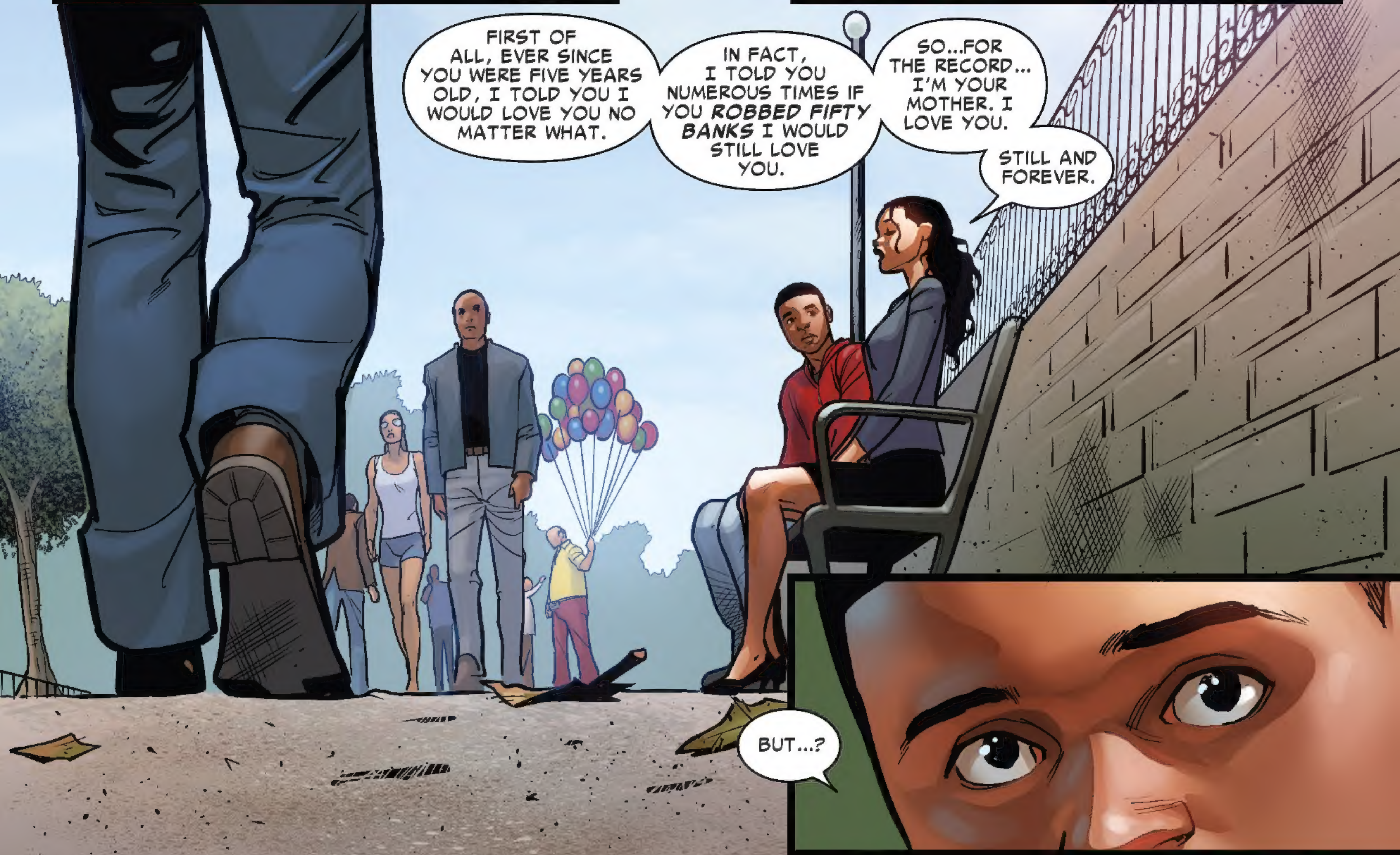
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SORRY.

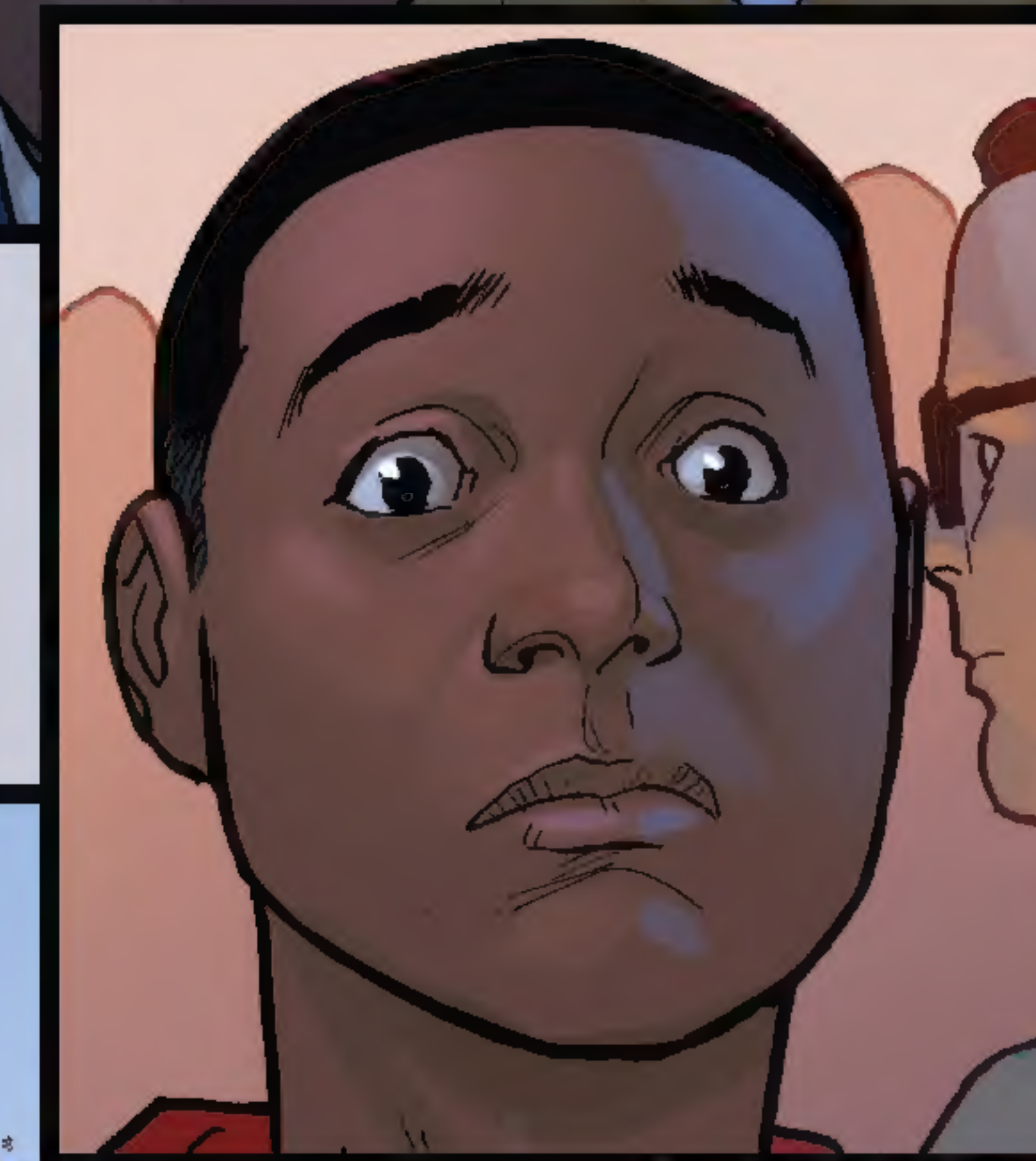
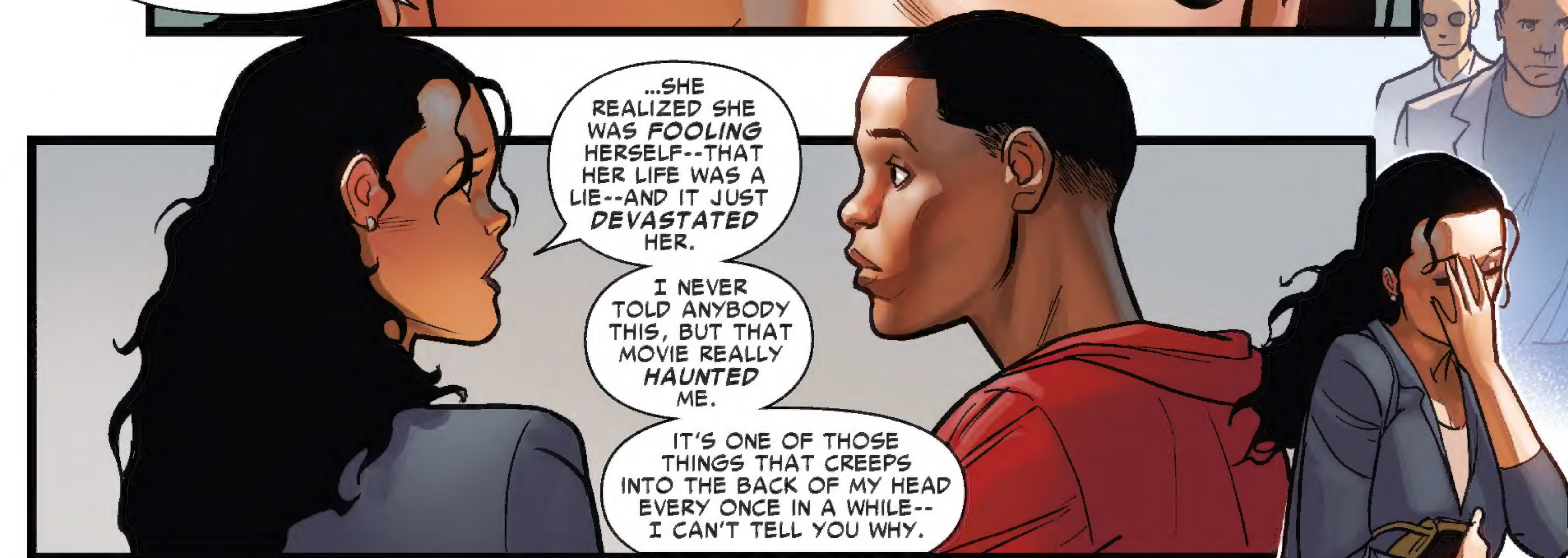
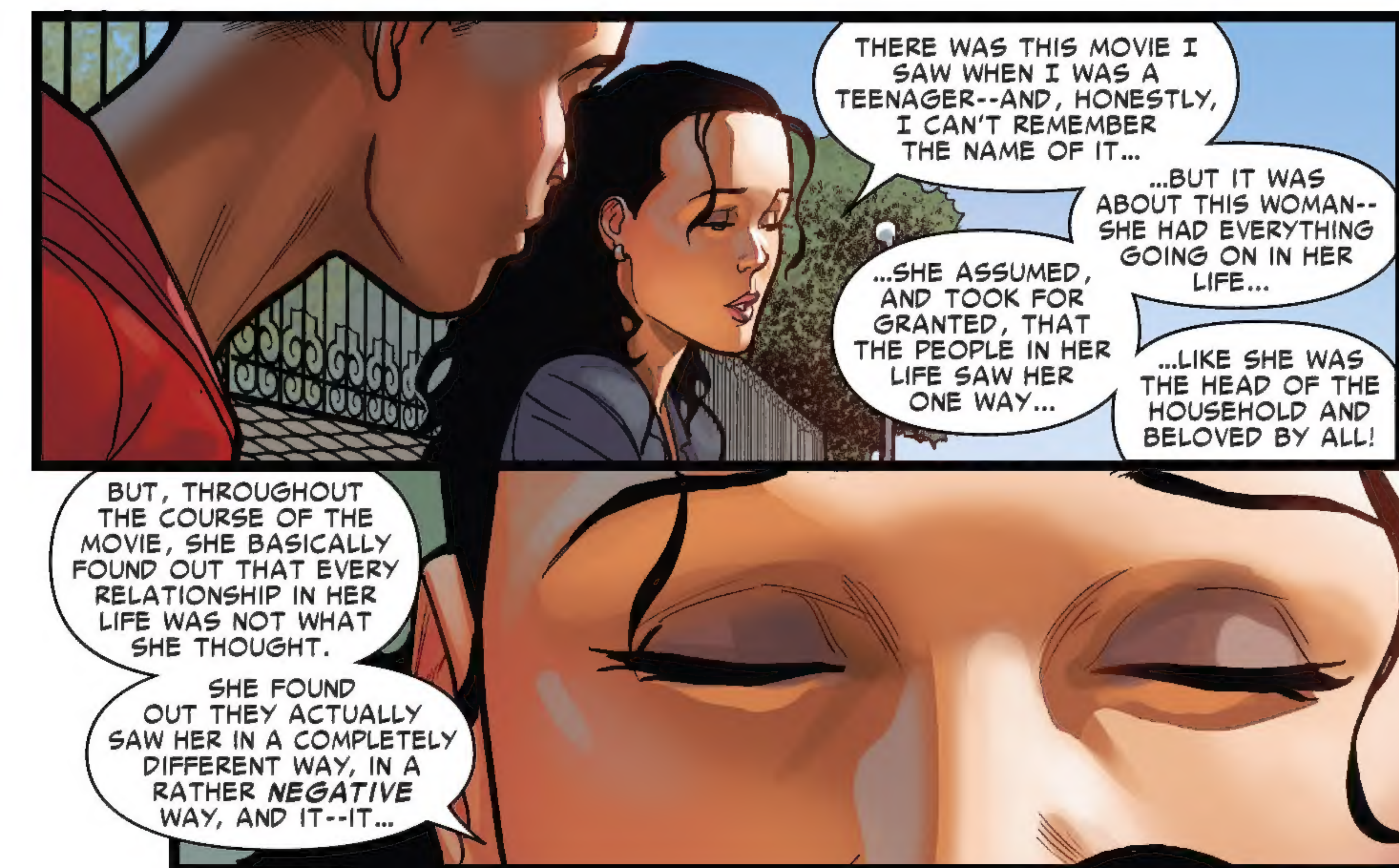
I'M REALLY,
REALLY SORRY
AND YOU CAN ASK
DAD. YOU CAN
EVEN ASK
GANKE...

I HAVE
FELT SO BAD
ABOUT NOT
TELLING YOU MY
SECRET THE
WHOLE TIME.



GANKE
KNEW,
TOO?





BROOKLYN VISIONS ACADEMY.

YOU'RE A
MUTANT.

YOU JUST
WOKE UP AND
HAD GOLD BALL
POWERS!

LUCKY?

LUCKY?

GANKE,
I WOKE UP ONE
MORNING AND FOUND
MYSELF BEING CHASED
BY GIANT MUTANT-
SEEKING ROBOTS!

THAT'S
COOL!

IT'S
REALLY
NOT.

AGREE TO
DISAGREE.

OH MY
GOD!

FABIO, YOU
NEED TO GO OUT
THERE AND USE
YOUR POWERS
MORE.

I WILL.

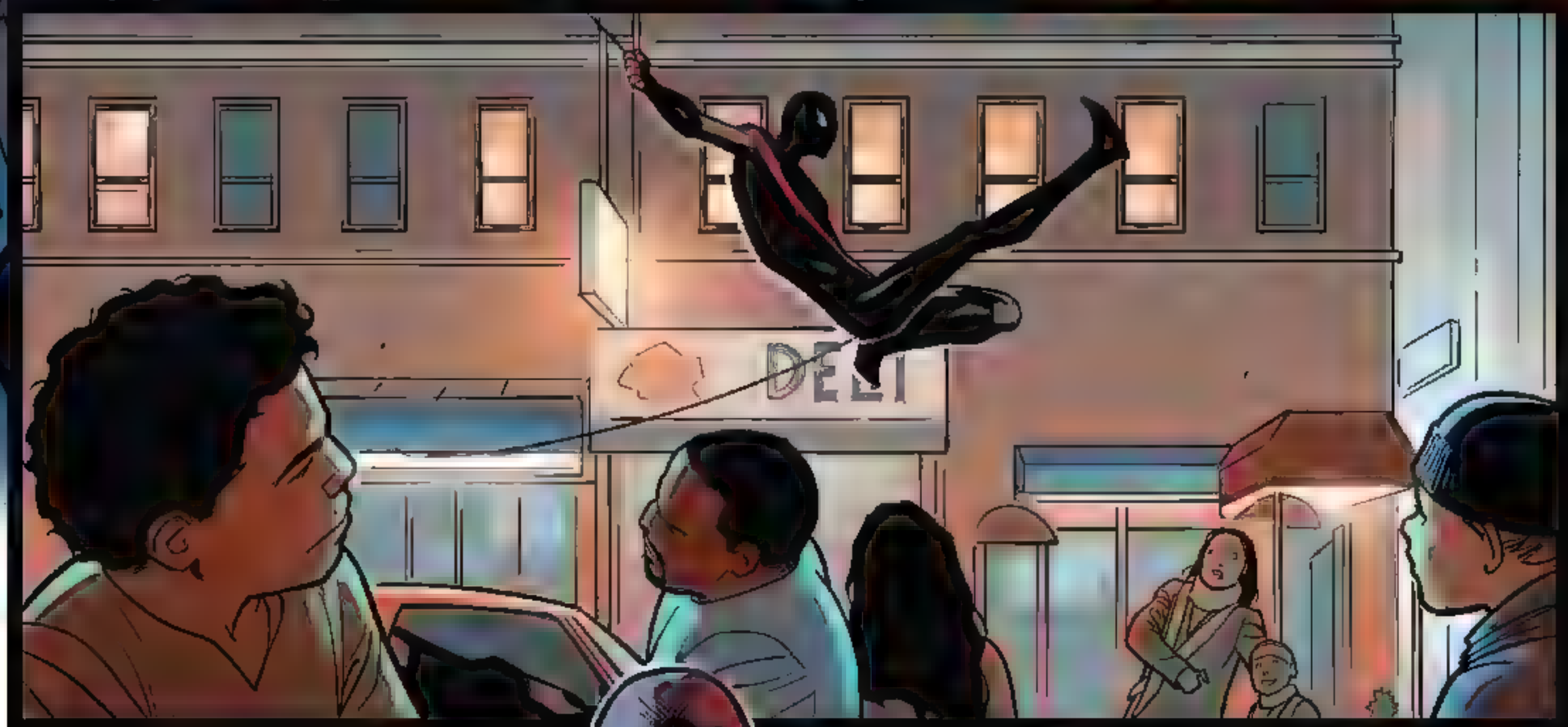
YOU HAVEN'T
SINCE YOU MOVED
IN HERE!

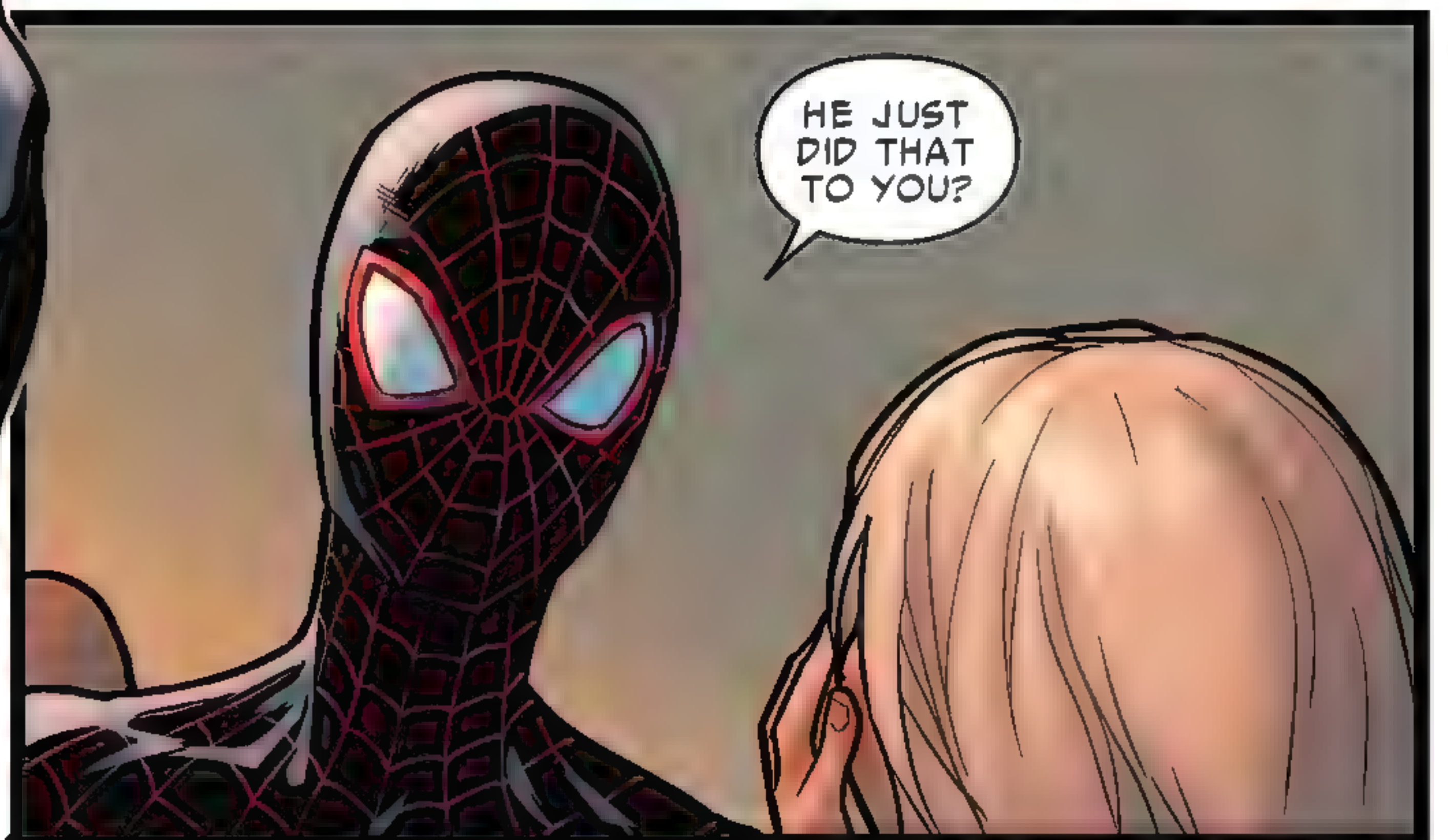
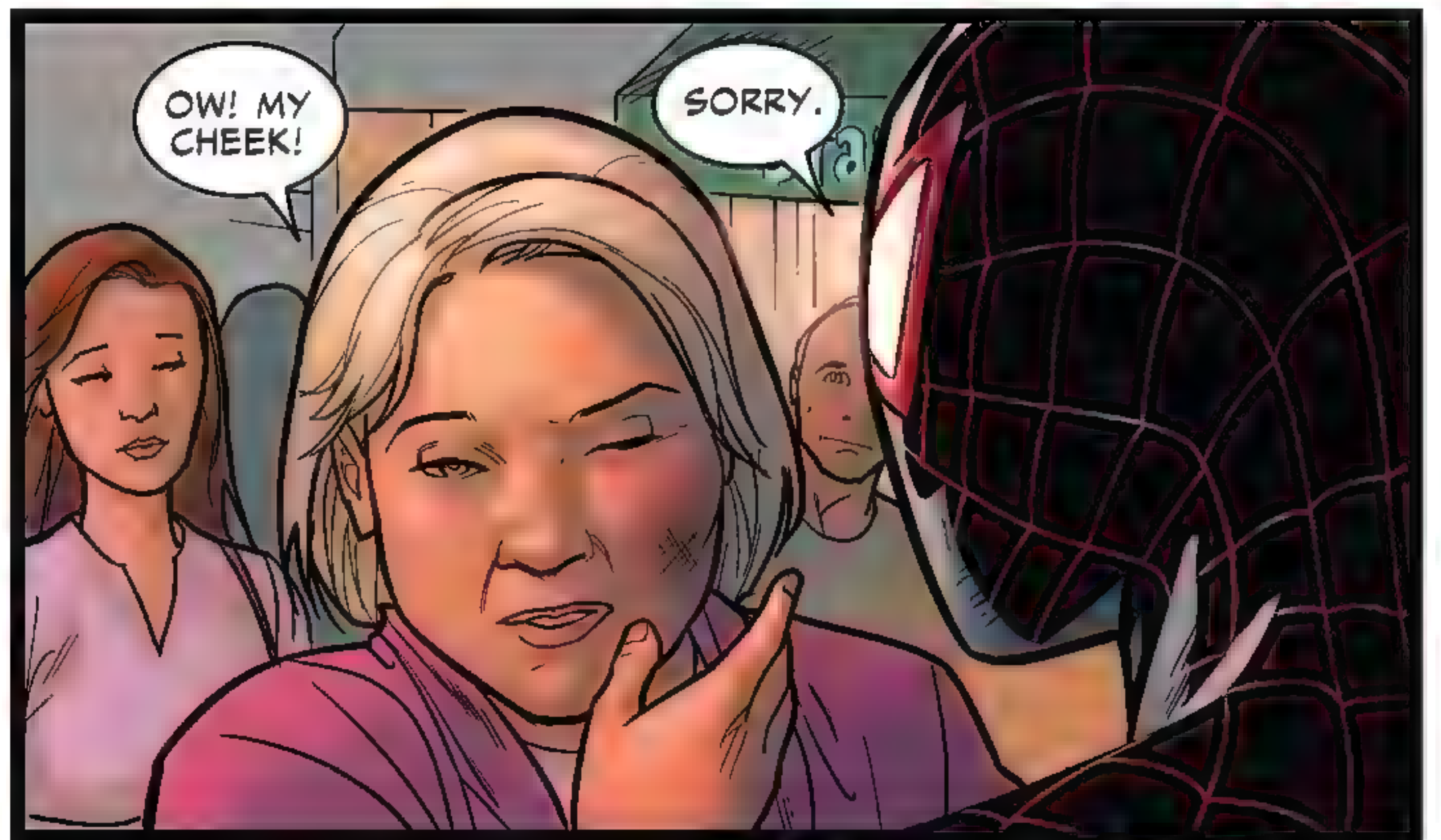
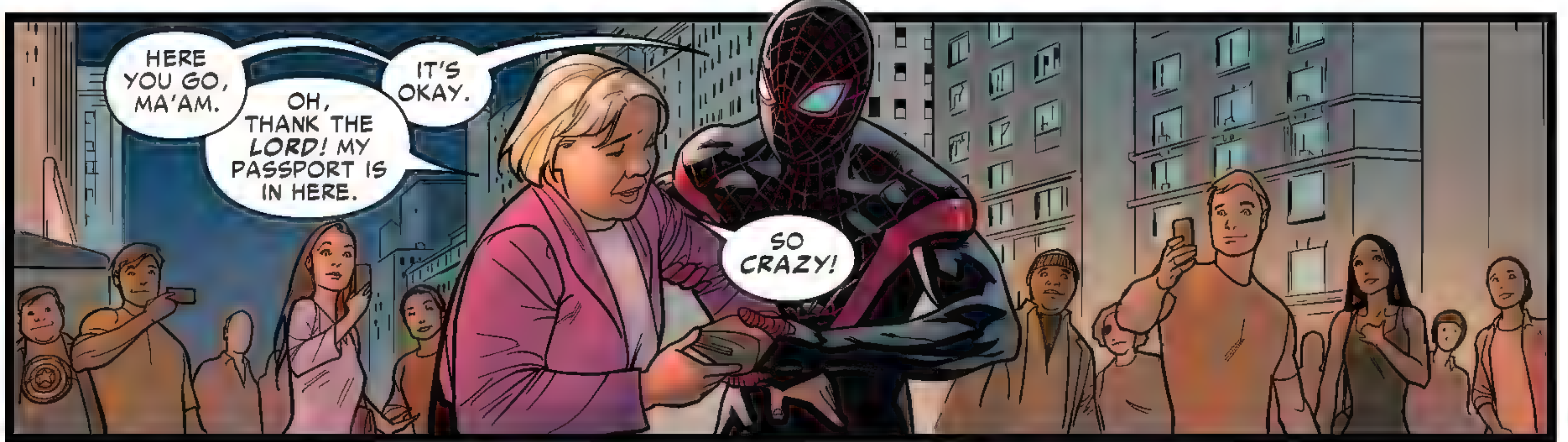
I'M
ADJUSTING!

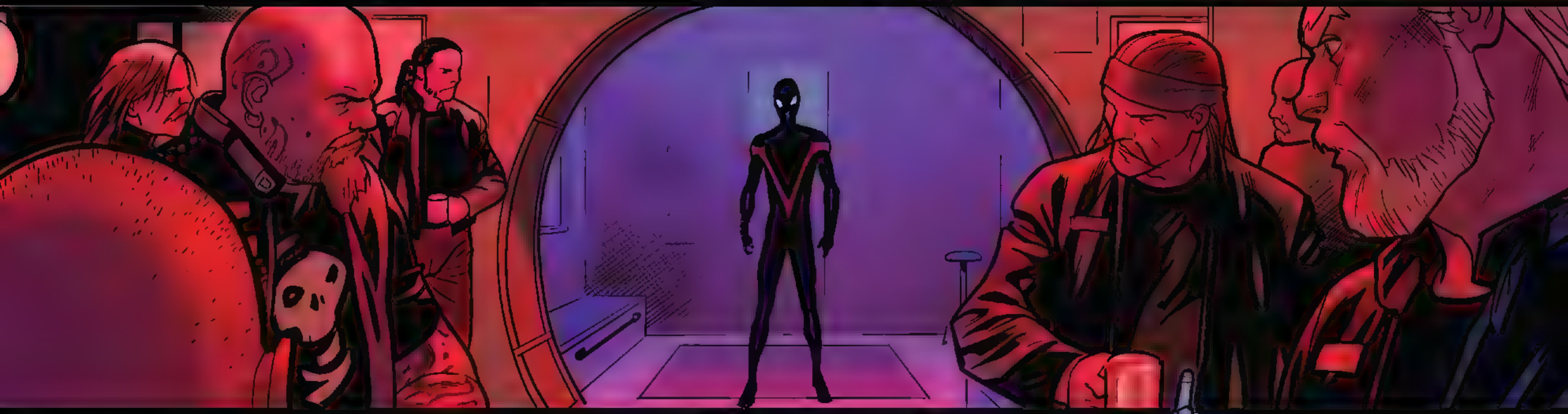
I'M
GOING
OUT.

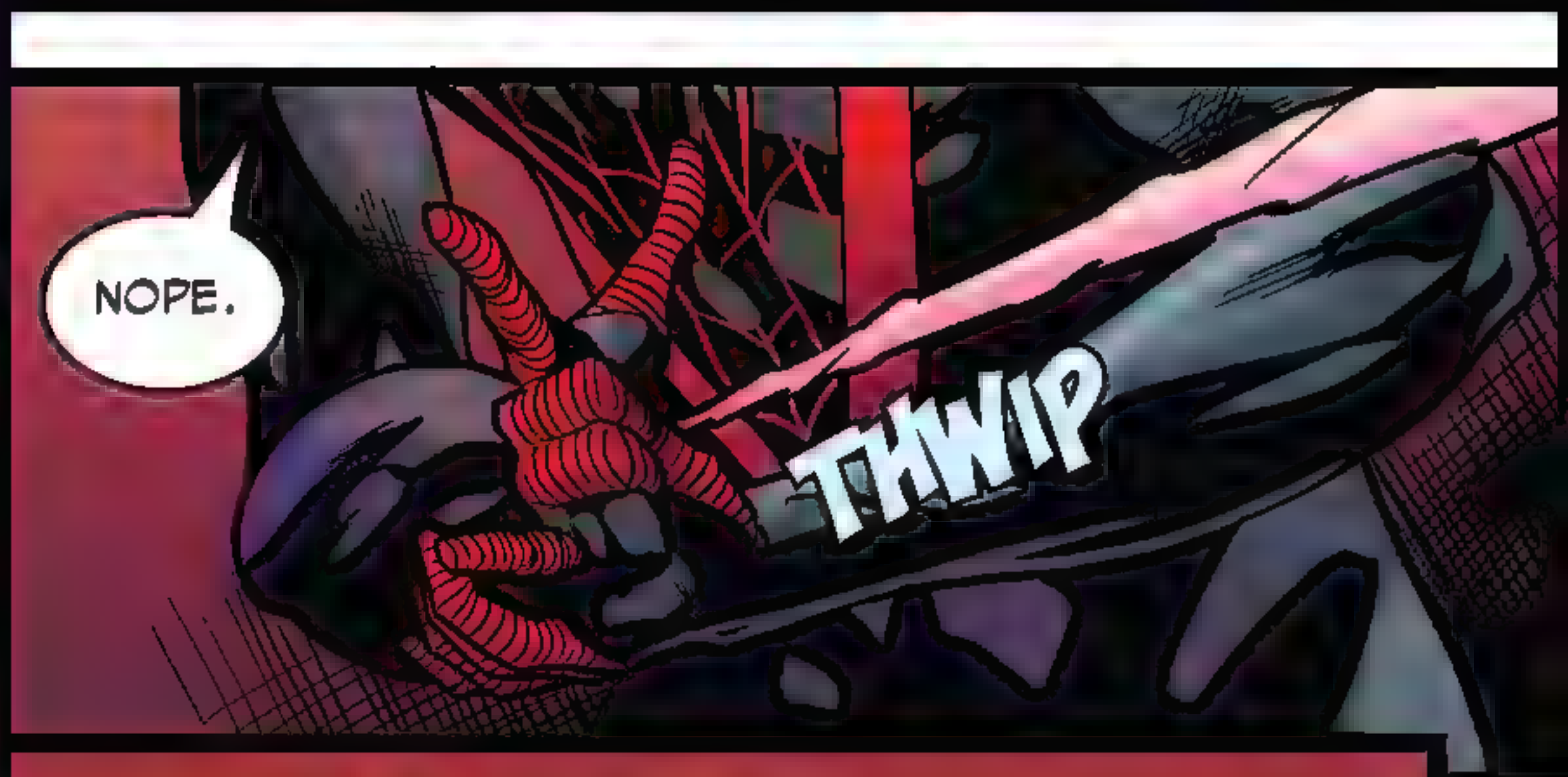
NOW?

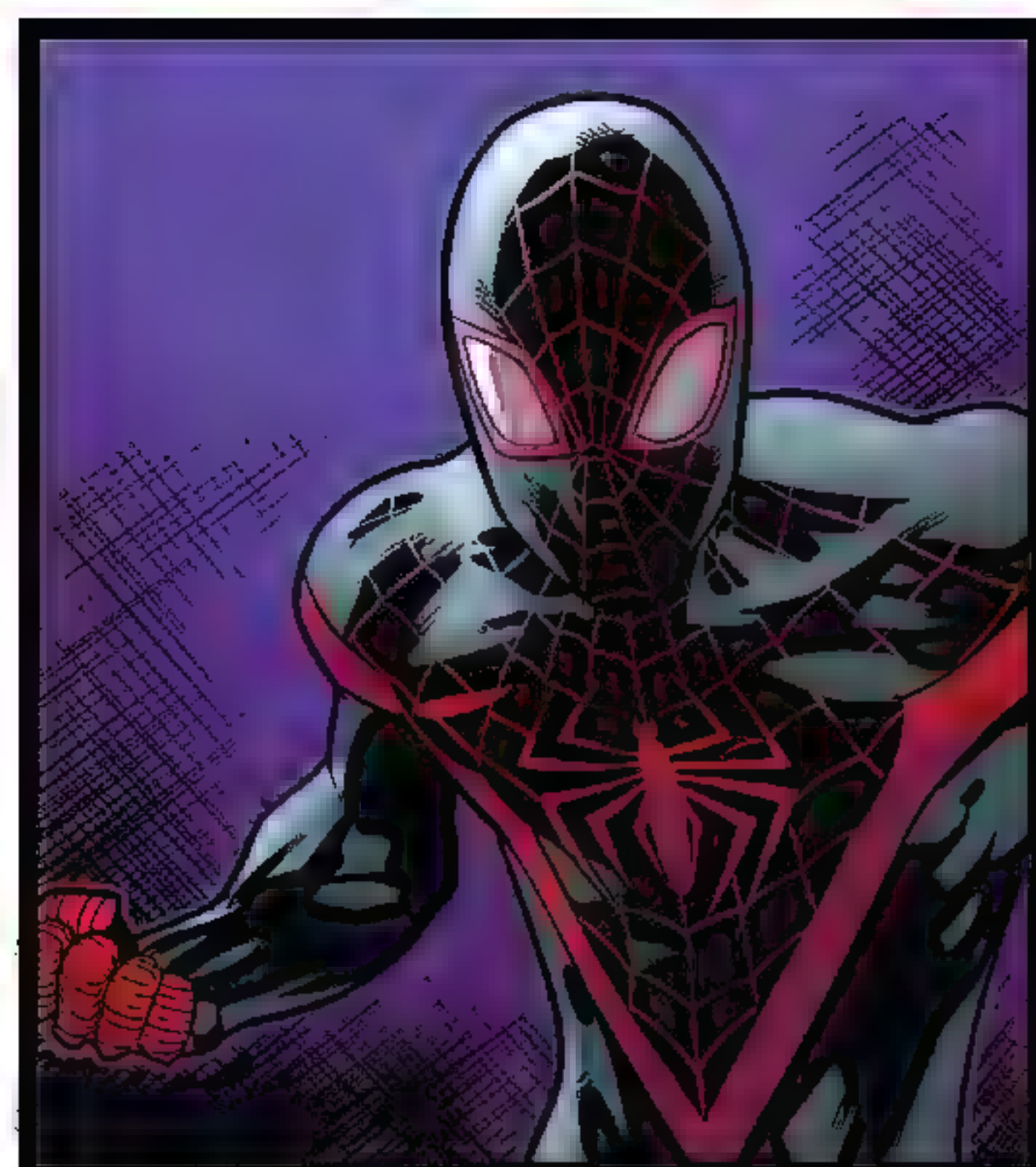
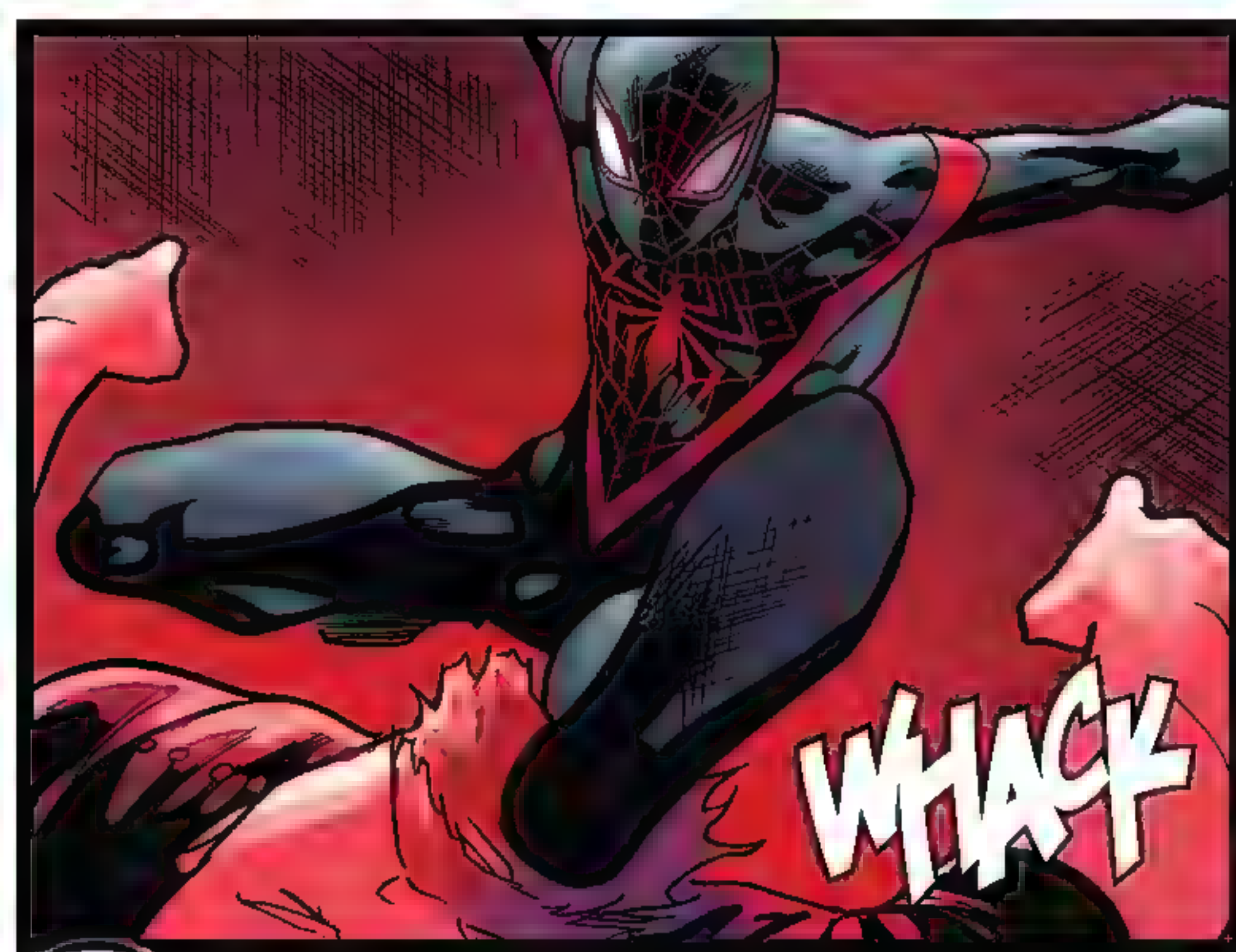
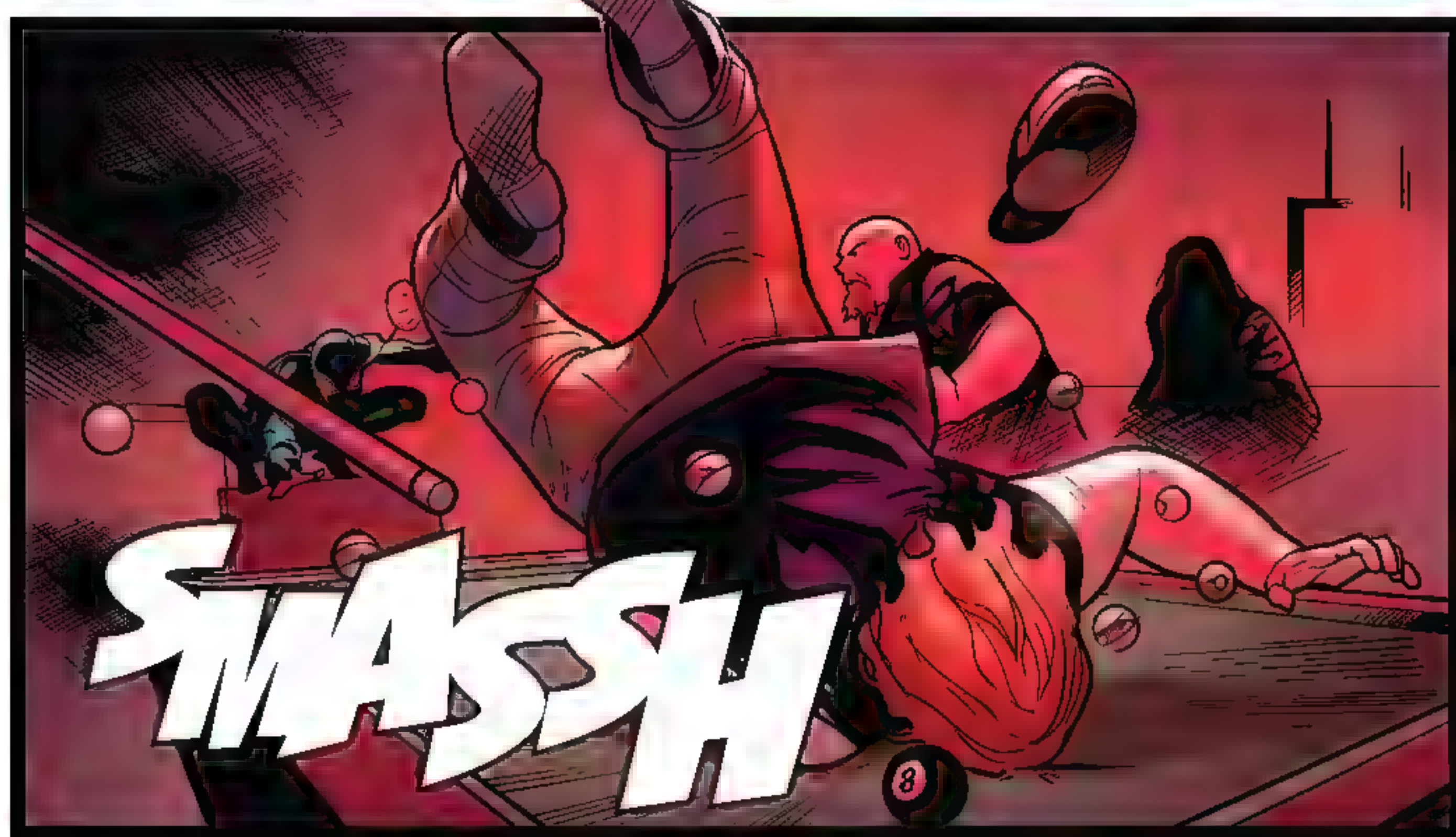
GEOMETRY
TEST IN THE
MORNING.



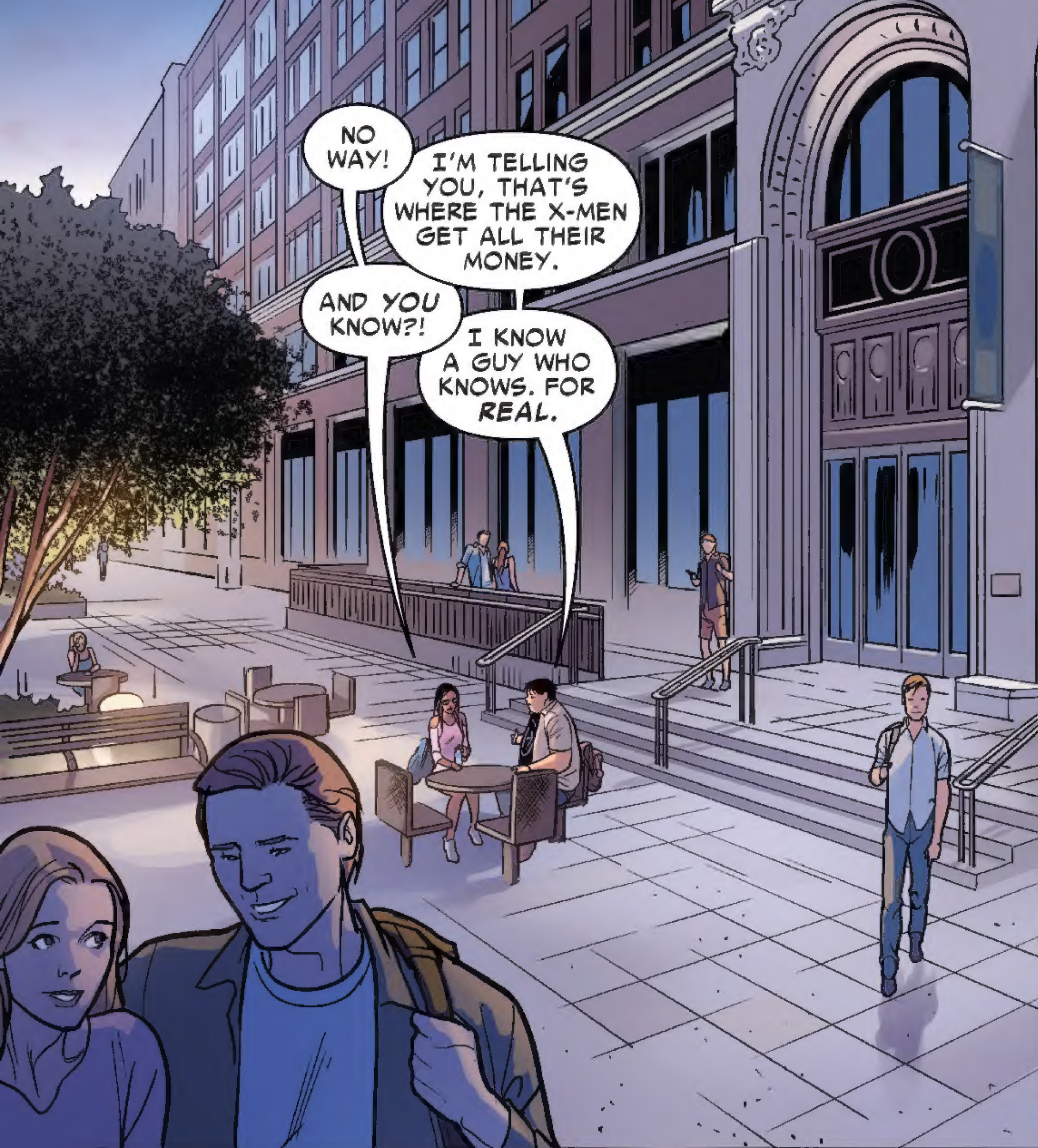










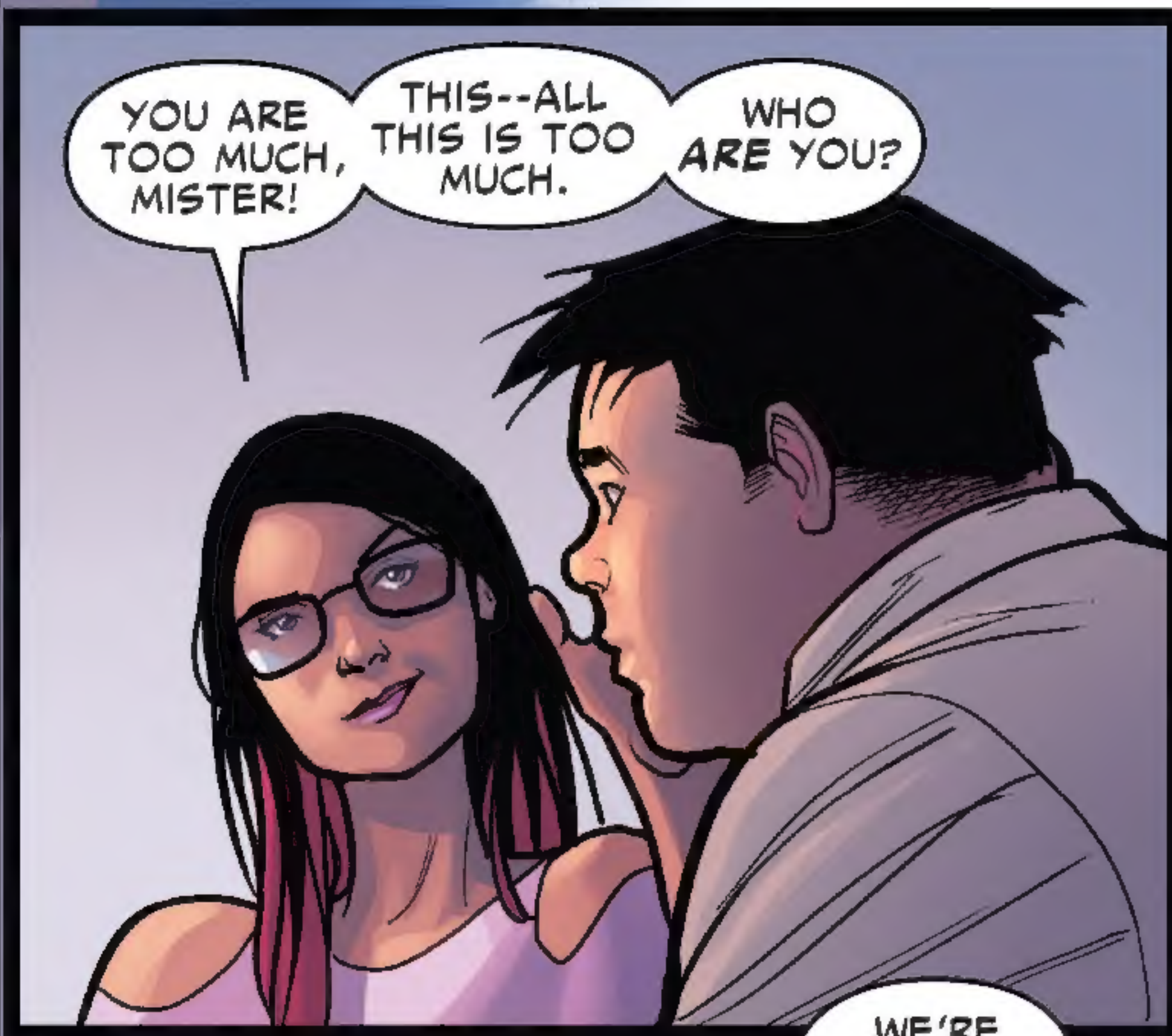


NO WAY!

I'M TELLING YOU, THAT'S WHERE THE X-MEN GET ALL THEIR MONEY.

AND YOU KNOW?!

I KNOW A GUY WHO KNOWS. FOR REAL.



YOU ARE TOO MUCH, MISTER!

THIS--ALL THIS IS TOO MUCH.

WHO ARE YOU?



WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS AGAIN?

I CAN'T TELL YOU.

IF I TOLD YOU IT WOULD TAKE YOU ALL OF 15 MINUTES TO FIGURE OUT WHO MY BOY IS.



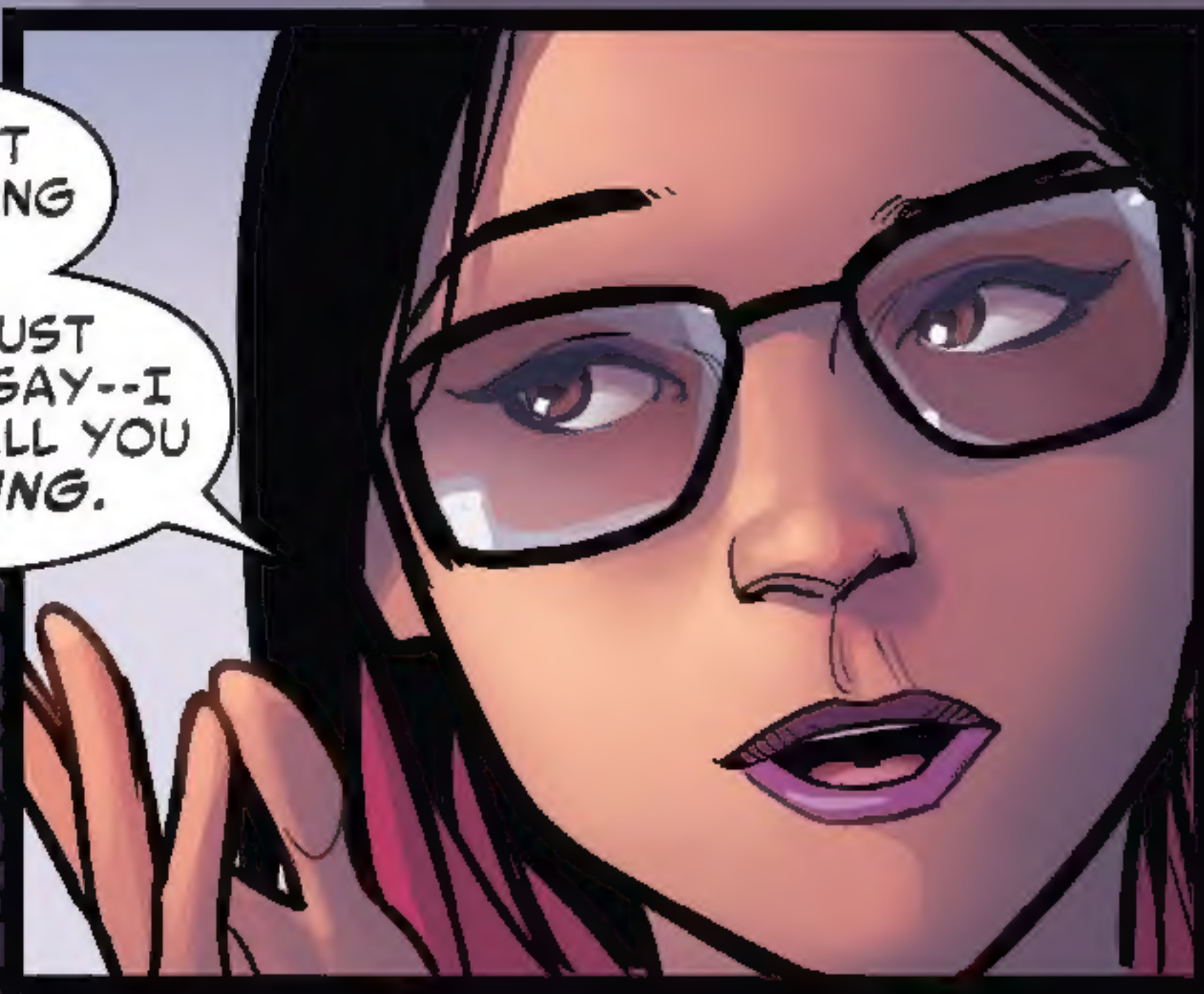
YOUR BOY SPIDER-MAN.

THAT'S-- THAT'S COOL.

I CAN'T BETRAY HIM.

BUT I WASN'T ACTUALLY GOING THERE.

I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY--I HAVE TO CALL YOU SOMETHING.

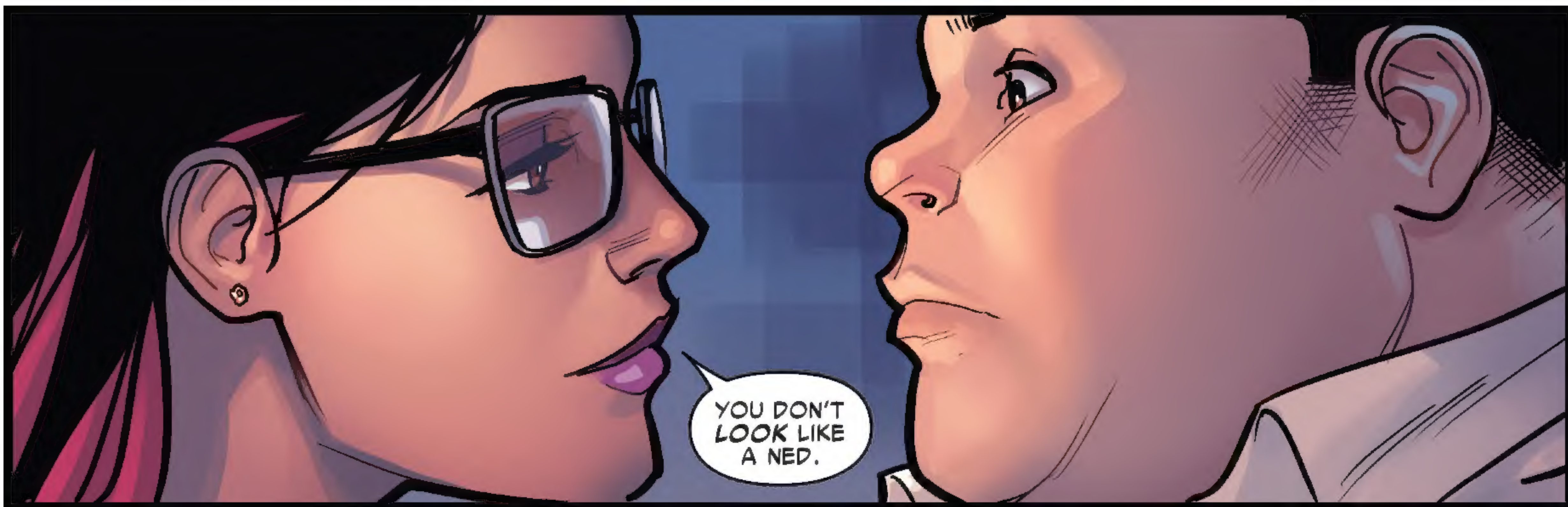


IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOUR "REAL" NAME. JUST SOMETHING TO CALL YOU.

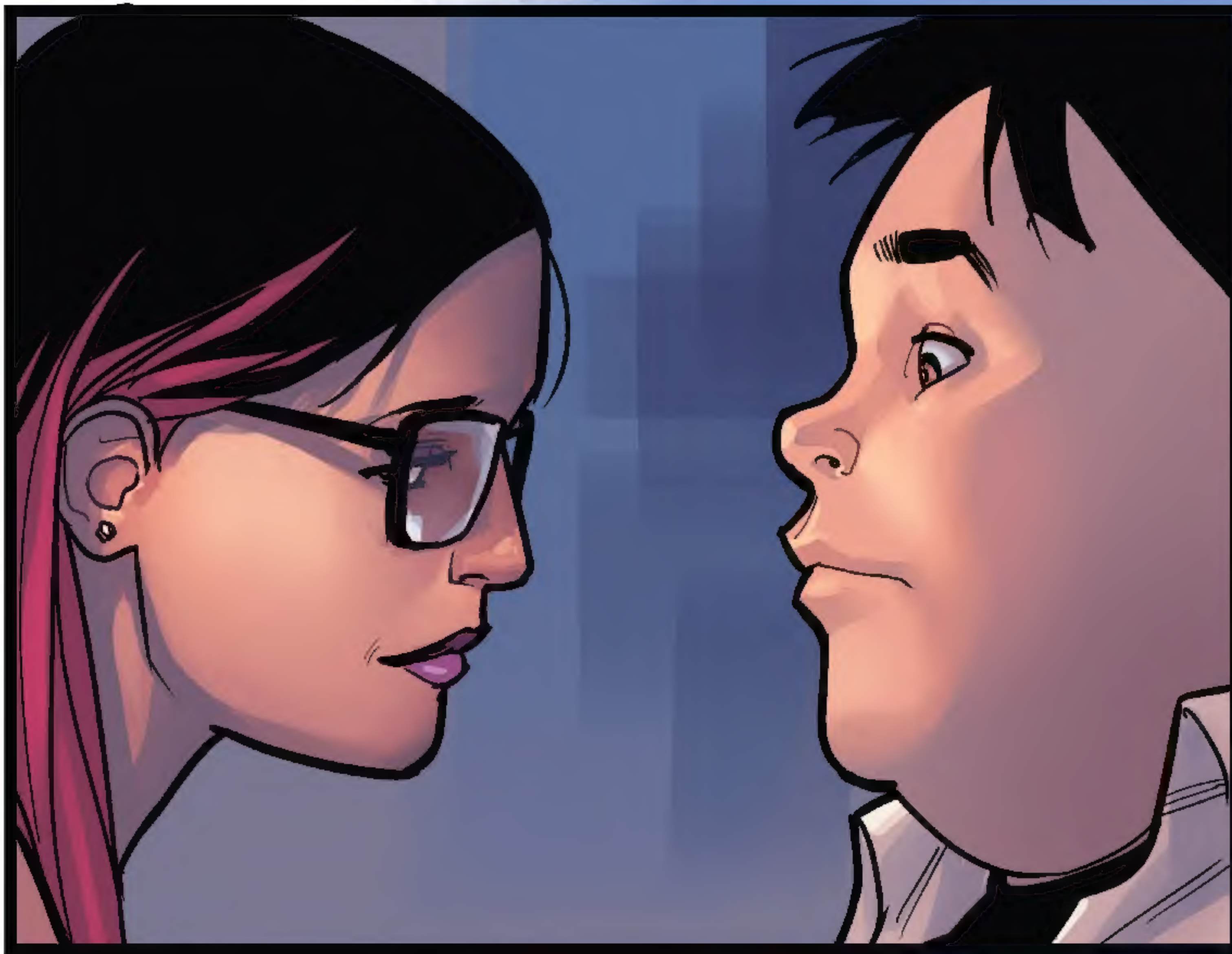
UH, NED.

NED?

CALL ME NED.



YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A NED.



NEXT ISSUE: THE DARKNESS!

NEXT:

I know we just wrapped our “Sitting in a Tree” crossover with Spider-Gwen, but... Ganke and Danika? Sitting in a tree (Well, sitting at a table, but that is definitely some loaded sitting, if you catch my drift.)?? Could love be in the air for Miles’ faithful (except for when he’s outing his friend’s identity as Spider-Man) sidekick and BFF? Also, could repercussions be in the air for our hero, Spider-Man, Miles Morales, for the entire bar he beat up? And could trouble be in the air for baddies Black Cat and Hammerhead (and their mysterious Mr. D)?

I’m getting carried away. HELLO, friends, readers, and heroes! It is I, Spider-Office Assistant Editor Allison Stock, inserting myself into as many letters pages as I can get my hands on! It is a rainy spring day in New York City, and I want to talk to you about Oscar Bazaldua! We’re happy to welcome him to Spider-Man, and didn’t he do a great job on his debut?? We’re all delighted to have him, and have been very excited for you to see his work. Welcome to the Spider-Family, Oscar!

Speaking of Spider-Family, I now leave it to you, MY Spider-Family, to let us know how we’re doing! Email us at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM!

Anyway, thanks for reading! We’re happy to have you and excited to share more Miles Morales with you. See you next month!

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